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REPORT

OF

THE AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1856.

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THE BOARD OF

TRUSTEES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

THE CITY OF HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR 1900

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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

1855-6—By Cash in Treasury,	\$8 93	
Taxes assessed and received,	2158 98	
Non resident highway tax,	47 61	
Received Literary Fund,	51 53	
Railroad tax for 1855,	53 67	
Interest on Parsonage Fund,	39 31	
For use of Town Hall,	8 00	
From County for support of pau- pers,	89 00	
From town of Springfield for the support of Emily, wife of Orin Heath,	12 66	
Of Isaac Smith, agent for the sale of Spirituous Liquors,	64 00	
Money hired for use of Town,	451 00	
	<hr/>	\$2984 69
 Paid State Tax,	 198 10	
County Tax,	329 26	
Wm. H. Davis for ringing bell,	40 00	
Wm. T. Bragden for settling with Se- lectmen, & paying State & County Tax,	3 00	
D. H. Emerson for repairs on Town House,	75	
Ithamere Eaton for mowing burying ground,	2 00	
Interest on Parsonage Fund,	39 31	
	<hr/>	\$612 42

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

1855—Paid S. S. Fletcher, C. S. Commissioner, for
Teachers' Institute, \$14 86 \$14 86

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Daniel Nichols for labor on bridge near
D. D. Erving's, \$2 11
Nathan Johnson do. do. do, 1 20
Tristram Little for building stone bridge
near D. D. Erving's, 69 00
John Ordway for labor on Smith Road, 1 75
J. P. Shannon, " " 1 75
T. K. Little, " " 1 25
M. C. Smith, " " 1 25
Joseph Chase, " " 3 75
J. D. Ordway, " " 2 50
Tristram Little, " Brickett Road, 12 11
Frank Currier, " Brown's Hill, 1 25
Wm. Clayton, " " 1 00
J. C. Merrick, " " 2 62
John W. Arnold, " " 3 00
— \$101 23

NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

Paid W. S. Bragden for receipts taken up, \$24 55 \$24 55

SNOW PATHS.

Paid John P. Stickney, Dist. No. 1, and Brick-
et road, \$27 49
Joshua C. Eastman, Dist. No. 2, 11 73
John Heath, " 3, 16 80
Silas Griffin, " 4, 8 98
Abiel Ordway, " 5, 12 02
Isaac H. Marshall, " 6, 16 93
Nathan Johnson, " 7, 12 25
Luther Chase, " 8, 17 75
Luther L. Tobyne, " 9, 25 30
Luther Johnson, Dist. No. 10, and B. Hill
road, 18 99
Wm. Keyer, Dist. No. 11, 3 93
J. D. Ordway, Smith road, 5 19
— \$177 36

PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold for washing, nurs-
ing &c., for Molly Goodwin, \$5 00
Moses Clark for supplies for do. 1 37

J. & N, C. Smith, " do.	13 29
J. Ordway & Co., " do.	23
N. & J. D. Ordway " do.	3 86
Timothy Goodwin, " do.	8 50
L. L. C. Little for making clothes, &c.,	3 16
" boarding and nursing, 37	
weeks and 5 days,	103 70
Bruce Moulton for wood,	4 50
J. W. Arnold, " "	6 40
Ruth Edmunds, nursing,	75
Joseph Hoyt cutting wood,	1 00
Dr. Kelley for medical attendance from	
1853 to 1855 for Molley Goodwin,	6 75
J. W. Arnold, wood for " "	4 16
Daniel T. Emerson for boarding J. W. Bur-	
roughs one year,	83 20
J. Ordway for clothes,	2 33
Pardon Tabor for one pair shoes,	1 50
Mrs. Emerson for making and mending	
clothes,	1 75
Mrs. Sally Heath for boarding Hannah	
Brown one year,	36 00
I. & N. C. Smith for clothing,	61
Mrs. Kent for making clothes,	25
J. J. Caleb for boarding Polly Kimball,	
one year,	58 50
J. J. Caleb for making clothes,	1 00
J. Ordway & Co. for clothing,	51
N. & J. D. Ordway " "	37
J. J. Caleb for boarding Nathaniel Merrick	
one year,	104 00
J. J. Calef for making clothes,	1 00
J. Ordway & Co. for clothing,	3 05
N. & J. D. Oadway " "	1 18
James Keyer for boarding Nancy Keyer	
one year,	57 20
Silas M. Marshall for one pair of shoes,	87
I. & N. C. Smith for supplies for J. S. Kimball,	1 60
Moses Clark " "	69
Simon Morrill for wood for D. D. Erving,	2 50
I. & N. C. Smith " " "	3 50
" supplies " "	11 44
James Smith, 2d, for boarding Hannah	
Tewksbury one week in 1854,	3 00
J. C. Merrick for procuring nurse for Em-	
ily, wife of Orin Heath,	4 25
J. C. Merrick for horse and wagon,	4 31
Sarah A. Collins for nursing,	75
Mrs. D. D. Erving for washing,	3 35

AWARDS.

Paid Fred'k Emerson for Anderson road, 1853,	\$22	48	
William Griffin	"	"	4 00
			<hr/> \$26 48

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1855—Paid Wm. S. Bragden abatement of taxes,	\$14 27	\$14 27
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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

1855-6—Paid School District No. 1,	\$145 25
“ “ 2,	210 40
“ “ 3,	103 45
“ “ 4,	161 10
“ “ 5,	71 42
“ “ 6,	101 77
“ “ 7,	68 08
“ “ 8,	24 68
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	\$886 15

TOWN OFFICERS.

1855-6—Paid F. J. Stevens Supt. S. Committee,	\$5 00
J. M. C. Bartley “ “	10 00
Daniel Nichols services as Selectman,	33 74
J. C. Merrick “ “	22 25
J. D. Ordway “ “	34 25
Wm. T. Bragdon for collecting taxes,	33 10
J. D. Ordway, treasurer,	5 00
Daniel Nichols, overseer of poor,	3 98
J. C. Merrick, “ “	7 83
Joshua C. Eastman, town clerk,	11 32
Amos Buck, moderator,	2 00
Pardon Tabor, constable,	2 51
Auditors,	4 50
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	\$175 48

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. C. Merrick for horse hire,	\$5 37
Daniel Nichols “	87
J. D. Ordway for horse hire and expenses on town business,	13 94
J. D. Ordway for books and stationery,	6 05
Capt. James Knight and I. R. Hovey for enrolling soldiers, A. D. 1853,	5 00
“ “ 1854,	2 00
“ “ 1855,	4 00

Capt. Caleb Moulton for enrolling soldiers for 1855,	2 50	
Capt. Young and N. Collins for enrolling soldiers for 1855,	3 00	
I. & N. C. Smith for wines and liquors for I. Smith, agent,	72 81	
Isaac Smith's salary as agent,	25 83	
B. B. Garland services as Committee on burying ground,	2 00	
John Kelley for advice,	1 00	
Abbott & Jenks for printing S. S. Committee's report for 1854-5,	8 00	
Moses Clement for hearse,	135 00	125.00
James Hobbs for ornaments for hearse,	25 00	
Wm. Shepherd for harness,	28 00	
Amos Buck, ag't balance due highway Dist. No. 3 for 1854,	12 49	
Daniel Nichols time and expenses going to Springfield on pauper busines,	13 18	
Daniel Nichols time and expenses going to Portsmouth to collect county pauper bill,	4 43	
Insurance on Town Hall,	15 00	
Expenses of Selectmen and Auditors while examining and preparing report,	3 00	
Daniel Nichols time and expense going to Manchester to get S. Report printed,	3 05	
Auditors for preparing report for printing,	2 25	
For blank books and stationery,	1 05	
Cash on hand,	12 38	
		\$255 83

J. D. ORDWAY, TREASURER.

Dr.

1855, March, To Cash in Treasury,	\$8 93	
Received Lit. Fund from State,	51 53	
“ Railroad tax,	53 67	
“ of county for supp't of paupers,	89 00	
“ Inst. on Parsonage Fund,	39 31	
“ Town of Springfield,	12 66	
“ for use of Town Hall,	8 00	
“ of Isaac Smith ag't for sale of liquors,	64 00	
“ of Selectmen,	451 00	
“ of Wm. T. Bragden,	1644 68	
		\$2422 78

1855.

Cr.

By paid school orders,	886 05
other orders of Selectmen,	\$1524 95
Cash on hand,	12 38

RECEIPTS.

1855-6—By sum total as specified on first page,

\$2984 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid state tax,	\$198 10	
county tax,	229 26	
interest on parsonage fund,	39 31	
Teachers' Institute,	14 86	
roads and bridges,	104 54	
non resident H. W. taxes,	24 55	
snow paths,	177 36	
support of pupaers,	551 38	
awards,	26 48	
abatement of taxes,	14 27	
support of schools,	886 15	
town officers,	175 48	
miscellaneous,	442 95	
	<hr/>	\$2984 69

NOTES PAYABLE.

Moses C. Smith,	\$125 00	
A. W. Perley,	200 00	
A. W. Perley,	50 00	
J. S. Matson,	26 00	
R. K. Brickett,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$451 00

Town of Hampstead,—Dr.

1856—Feb. 2, To notes payable, \$451 00

Town of Hampstead—Cr.

1856—Feb. By due from County,	\$37 83	
bal. being amount of town debt,	413 17	
	<hr/>	\$451 00

Agreeably to a vote of the town, at the last annual Town Meeting, the undersigned respectfully submit the foregoing statement of Receipts and Disbursements. The town debt at the present time is

\$413 18

Some small bills for breaking paths unsettled.

The expenses of the town have been greater for last year than for the year preceding, which the Selectmen account for as follows :

Paid for breaking paths,	\$177 36
harse and harness, for which no money was voted to be raised,	178 00
excess for building stone bridge beyond what was voted to be raised for that purpose,	19 00

Isaac Smith for selling spirituous li- quors as Town Agent,	25 83	
A falling off in the amount of rail road tax from last year,	26 71	
	<hr/>	\$426 90

By deducting this sum from the expenditures, it will be seen that the Selectmen have been able with the amount of money raised, to meet the ordinary expenses of the town.

HAMPSTEAD, March 1, 1856.

Upon examination of the foregoing accounts as presented to us by the Selectmen and Treasurer, we find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding with the same.

CALEB MOULTON,
EBENEZER HOYT, } Auditors.
N. C. SMITH,

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

1855-6.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Teacher in Summer, Miss Hannah Jane Bailey. Term—12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 28 ; average, 24. Wages \$10 per month.

The whole amount of money expended was \$48 ; \$30 appropriated for wages and \$18 for board. The school-house in this district is not such as is desirable. Though it has been kept in good repair it is too small for the present number of scholars ;—very low posted—unventilated—and stands too near the highway. The teacher performed her part well, both as to government and instruction. The pupils generally appeared to profit by her faithful and energetic management to a degree which ought to be very satisfactory to parents.

In the winter, teacher the same. Total number of scholars, 30 ; average, 24. Term 20 weeks. Wages \$12 per month. Amount of money expended, \$97.25. Appropriated for wages, \$60 ; for board, \$25.00 ; for wood and repairs, \$12.25. The cheerful and active interest which existed in the summer term was well sustained in this. Miss Bailey is quiet, but prompt and energetic in her manner, and succeeds admirably in governing her pupils and in arousing their minds to a cheerful and lively interest in the appropriate work of the school-room.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Teacher in Summer, Miss Ann E. Kimball.—Term—14 weeks. Wages \$10 per month. Number of scholars, 40 ; average, 32. Amount of money expended, \$59.50. Appropriated for wages, \$35.00 ; for board, \$24.50. The attendance was very irregular, and the number of tardy marks was unusually large. At the examination a less number than the average attendance was present. A portion of the smaller scholars appeared to have made some improvement in reading and spelling ; but the scholars generally evinced a great lack of interest. Lowness of voice, carelessness of pronunciation, and imperfect, indefinite answers to questions, characterized, too gener-

ally, all the exercises. To what extent the teacher was answerable for these defects, the committee does not undertake to decide. Irregular attendance, doubtless, had something to do in effecting these results, and for this parents must bear the responsibility.

In the Winter this school was under the care of Mr. Charles A. Shannon. Term—14 weeks. Wages \$25.00 per month. Whole amount of money expended, \$150.84. Appropriated for wages, \$87.50 ; for board, \$28.00 ; for fuel, \$23.79 ; for repairs, &c., \$6.29. Whole number of scholars, 33 ; average, 28. The scholarship of this term has been considerably lowered by the absence of six or eight of the older and more advanced scholars who have heretofore usually attended.— This was Mr. Shannon's first attempt at teaching. He commenced his work with energy, and seemed to have pursued it with diligence and fidelity ; and the school indicated a good degree of success, especially in the reading and spelling exercises. The writing books appeared well, but there was a deficiency in the quantity.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Teacher in Summer, Miss Lucy Ann Morrill.— Term—10 weeks. Wages \$2.00 per week. Whole number of scholars, 34 ; average, 25. The number present at the examination was less than the average attendance. Many of the larger and more advanced scholars were absent. Of those present a small portion appeared to have made commendable progress. But the larger part appeared listless, and manifested a great want of interest in the proper business of the school-room. The writing books were few, and in appearance far from being what they ought to have been. Irregular attendance and the feeble state of the teacher's health, would, perhaps, in a great measure, account for these deficiencies. Amount of money appropriated for wages, \$20.00 ; for board, \$15.00.

In the Winter, teacher Miss Judkins. Term—12 weeks. Wages \$13 per month. Appropriated for board, \$18.00. Whole number of scholars, 37 ; average, 36. The attendance has been uncommonly regular and punctual. The classification of the scholars was very judicious.— All that were capable were trained in the use of the outline maps ; and a large portion of the school had made a thorough study of Colburn's Arithmetic. Declamations, compositions and music were also successfully attended to. Order, promptness, and a cheerful interest, characterized all the exercises at the examination, giving satisfactory evidence that the school had in every respect been wisely and faithfully managed.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Teacher in Summer, Miss Abbie S. Hall. Term—17 weeks. Wages \$9.00 per month. Whole number of scholars, 20 ; average, 17. Money expended, \$66.75. Appropriated for wages, \$38.25 ; for board, \$29.50. The various exercises at the examination were characterized with a good degree of spirit, promptness and accuracy. The scholars generally appeared as though they had been well instructed and governed. The teacher, it seems, had been greatly encouraged and aided by frequent visits of the citizens ; no less than forty-five such visits were made during the term.

In the Winter this school was under the care of Miss E. N. Bagley. Term—19 weeks. Wages \$11 per month. Scholars, 25 ; average, 17.

Money expended, \$95.50. Appropriated for wages, \$52.25 ; for board, \$33.25 ; for wood, \$10. The school appeared unusually well. Every scholar seemed to be aroused and interested. Colburn's Arithmetic was studied by a large part of the scholars, and seemed to be well understood. The reading, spelling and writing were particularly good. It was evident that the school had been well governed and skilfully and faithfully instructed.

DISTRICT No. 5.—The money here was all expended in the summer and autumn. Teacher, Miss Lizzie H. Davis. Term—20 weeks. Wages \$2.00 per week. Scholars, 22 ; average, 16. Amount of school money, \$71.42. Appropriated for wages, \$40.00 ; for board, \$29.60 ; for fuel, \$1.00 ; for repairs, .82. The attendance was more regular and punctual than was the case last year ; but still there is room for improvement in these respects. The reading and spelling exercises evinced commendable improvement, and generally the school seemed to have made progress. The scholars were quiet and orderly, but there was a great lack of promptness, enthusiasm and energy in the various exercises at the examination. The writing books appeared well.

DISTRICT No. 6.—The money in this district was all expended in the summer and autumnal months. Teacher, Miss Angeline A. Farley.—Term—23 weeks. Scholars, 21 ; average, 15. Amount of money expended, \$101.57. Appropriated for wages, \$46.00, (\$8 per month) ; for board, \$40.25 ; for fuel \$2.25 ; for repairs, \$3.98. The number present at the examination was less than the average attendance. The teacher seemed anxiously disposed to do her duty, but for some reason or other there was a failure in the proper government of the school.—There was visible improvement in the reading and spelling exercises, but there was a general lack of cheerful interest and activity on the part of the scholars in the proper business of the school. The teacher in her report remarks : “ The school-house is uncomfortable.” “ More black-board is needed.” “ There is a lack of interest on the part of the citizens.” “ The pupils are not very punctual.”

DISTRICT No. 7.—Teacher, Miss Sophia A. Greenleaf. Term—18 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12 ; average, 9. Three children in the district between the ages of 4 and 14 attended school nowhere. Amount of money, \$68.00. Appropriated for wages, \$36.00 ; for board, \$27.00 ; for fuel, \$2.40 ; for repairs, \$1.00. The number present at the examination was exceedingly small. These appeared to have been well governed and thoroughly instructed. As to those absent no judgment can be given. The school evidently suffered through the whole term by the smallness and irregularity of attendance. There were not scholars enough present from day to day to produce the requisite enthusiasm and life in the school-room. The causes of their irregular and small attendance are unknown to the committee, but should be ascertained by the district if possible, and remedied in future.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Teacher, Miss Mary H. Grant. Term—9 weeks and two days. Number of scholars, 11 ; average, 10. Wages \$1.75 per week. Amount of money expended, \$25.67. Appropriated for

wages, \$16.33 ; for board, \$9.34. There were but four or five children present at the examination. Had all the pupils been present the school might have appeared to better advantage ; but as it was there was but little to excite any other than a painful interest, or to afford ground to believe that much had been accomplished. It would be unjust, perhaps, to attribute this result to the fault of the teacher. The circumstances of the children in this small district, are extremely unfavorable. Having a term of only nine weeks out of the whole year, and during the remainder being unemployed, and in many instances ungoverned and uninstructed at home, it would be unreasonable to expect the children to make any marked improvement in that time under any teacher not miraculously endowed.

From the view presented of the condition of the schools in town during the past year, it will appear that there has been, in the majority of instances, a great lack of efficiency in the management. This is the more to be regretted as it occurs in connection with far larger appropriations of school money than usual. Registers were put into the hands of the teachers, at the commencement of the schools, with instructions to fill the blanks *accurately and fully*, and to return them to the S. S. Committee at the close of the term. Several teachers neglected to do this, and their reports had to be looked up at great inconvenience and at a late hour, by the committee. And of those that were returned the larger part were but imperfectly made out. From this failure, the fact is, that not more than five or six of the twelve teachers employed were legally entitled to any remuneration for their services. For the law says : "It shall be the duty of every teacher of a public school, to make, at the close thereof, a report to the Superintending Committee of the town, of the number of scholars, male and female, that have attended : the branches of learning taught, and the progress made. And no teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services, until this provision is complied with.—*Pamphlet Laws, Chap. 317, Sec. 2, Page 297.*

The declaration of the Great Teacher is strikingly verified here : "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much ; and he that is unjust in the least is also unjust in much." For those teachers who have been the most prompt and faithful in filling out and returning their reports have been the most faithful and successful in the management of their schools ; and those who have been the most negligent and faithless here, have been the least efficient in the government and instruction of those under their care.

In looking at the statistics of this report it will be seen that the length and *quality* of the different schools has not, in all cases, depended on the amount of money appropriated. As instances, district number 4 expended \$50 less than district number 2 ; enjoyed two months more schooling than the latter ;—and district number 1, having \$65

less than district number 2, had one month longer term than the latter. Facts of this nature deserve attention.

It is desirable to have plenty of money—well-constructed school-houses, suitably furnished with globes, outline maps and black-boards,—pleasantly located and surrounded by ample play-grounds ; but, after all, the securing of competent, upright, and faithful teachers is of more importance than all other circumstances combined, in making our schools what they should be.

The attention of the different districts should be turned earnestly to this subject. As the securing of the right kind of teachers depends very much upon the character of the district agents, great care should be exercised in electing the best men for this office. Districts should guard against sacrificing the dearest interests of their children to the gratification of a detestable spirit of selfishness and partyism, and aim to elect men of sound sense—men who are known to feel a deep interest in the best welfare of the school, and who can be relied upon for honesty and faithfulness in appropriating the moneys committed to their trust.

During the past year three terms of a select school have been successfully sustained, taught by Miss Mary C. French, of Candia, at an expense of tuition of some over \$200.00. The school (first term) was kept in the brick school-house at the east part of the town. The whole number in attendance, 32 ; average, 24. This term commenced in April and ended in July. The second term commenced at the centre of the town in August and ended in November. Average attendance about 45. A third term is now about closing at the east part of the town—scholars numbering about 17. Miss French has devoted herself assiduously in promoting the intellectual and moral advancement of those committed to her instruction and government, and has, it is believed, succeeded well in fulfilling the expectations of her friends and patrons.

J, M. C. BARTLEY, S. S. COMMITTEE.

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